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To whom it may concern,

I don't believe that the current proposed settlement will prevent Microsoft from continuing to use their illegally gained monopoly position to prevent competition in the personal computer operating system industry. I endorse all of the remedies outlined in Mr. Dan Kegel's open letter in which I have co-signed (located at: <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/letter.html>).

Please review this letter as well as other letters from people in the software and personal computer industry on possible alternative remedies that lowers the entry barrier for additional choices in personal computer operating systems. This can only be accomplished if the Windows APIs are publicly released and licensed royalty free. To ensure the complete set of APIs are released, requiring ports of Microsoft middleware (including Microsoft Office) to open sourced operating systems including emulators like WINE for linux would ensure that Microsoft could not keep important APIs proprietary. This is the only way to lower the entry barrier for competing personal computer operating systems. This would begin to level the playing field after Microsoft has illegally , based on the findings of fact, manipulated the personal computer operating system market in their favor.

Thank you for your time.

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